

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
January 26, 2015 1:00 PM
Garvey Senior Activity Center

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Norma Pipkin, Chair, Gail Murdock, Linda Fry, Janet Kellam, Bettie Broadhurst and Teresa Howard. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

ABSENT: Deborah Johnston, Juanita Nether and Cindy Williams were excused. Nicky Pires was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the November 17, 2014 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Kellam; the motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW MEMBER(S): Teresa Howard

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee - Bettie Broadhurst - Nothing new to report at this time.
- Legislative Committee - Gail Murdock - It is a very busy time right now. Mr. Murdock is watching one Bill in particular; Senate Bill 6 which is about home health care and a tax exemption.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Annual Report - A motion to approve the Annual Report with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Broadhurst; the motion passed.
- Transportation Report - A motion to approve the Transportation Report with amendments was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Broadhurst; the motion passed.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Garvey Group Update - Ms. Margaret Forrest
Ms. Forrest has been sending updates on what the Garvey Group is accomplishing. Ms. Dale Taylor briefed the County Commissioners at the January Public Forum. The Garvey Group would like to see more people come to the Commissioners' meetings to show support. Mr. Murdock indicated there have been discussions about combining the library with the new senior activity center. Ms. Forrest has been trying to find other groups in order to provide letters to the Commissioners or letters to the Editors in support of moving up the date for a new Garvey Senior Activity Center. Ms. Forrest would also like to get together a luncheon meeting at the Garvey Senior Activity Center.
- United Seniors of Maryland - Wednesday, January 28, 2015 in Annapolis
Ms. Pipkin, Ms. Kellam and Ms. Johnstone are registered for the meeting. Alice Allen, Senior Center Operations Manager, is registered as well and volunteered to transport the COA members.

- Commission for Women (CFW) - Ms. Pipkin announced the CFW is seeking nominations for Woman of the Year and Woman of Tomorrow. Each person is required to be a St. Mary's County resident.
- Election of Officers - Ms. Pipkin opened nominations from the floor.

Ms. Williams was nominated for Chairperson and there were no other nominations. Ms. Williams was unanimously elected Chairperson.

Ms. Kellam was nominated for Vice Chairperson with no other nominations. Ms. Kellam was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson and Ms. Kellam accepted.

Ms. Broadhurst was nominated for Secretary. Ms. Broadhurst was elected as Secretary and Ms. Broadhurst accepted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Staff Changes - There is still a vacancy at the Loffler Senior Activity Center for the Database Specialist. The new Program Specialist has started at the Northern Senior Activity Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 2, 2015 - Learning is ForEver (LIFE) booklets available for pick up and online
- March 2, 2015 - Registration for LIFE tours opens at 8 a.m.
- March 19, 2015 - CFW Banquet at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.
- March 20, 2015 - RSVP Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Awards Banquet at the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center. Registration begins at 10 a.m.; the awards ceremony begins promptly at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Murdock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. and Ms. Broadhurst seconded; the motion passed.

RSVP TIME SHEETS: Please make sure they are signed before you leave.

NEXT MEETING: St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD
February 23, 2015